ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a hair conditioning composition comprising: (a) a thickening polymer system selected from the group consisting of a cationic thickening polymer, a nonionic thickening polymer, and mixtures thereof; (b) cationic surfactant system selected from the group consisting of one cationic surfactant, a mixture of two or more cationic surfactants, and a mixture of a cationic surfactant and a nonionic surfactant; and (c) an aqueous carrier; wherein the composition is substantially free of a water-insoluble high melting point oily compound and an anionic compound. Preferably, the conditioning composition further contains a silicone compound selected from the group consisting of a water-soluble silicone compound, a silicone nanoemulsion with an average particle diameter of less than 220nm, and mixtures thereof. The conditioning composition of the present invention has a suitable rheology for conditioning compositions and provides conditioning benefits. The conditioning composition of the present invention is especially suitable for rinse-off use.